Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: May I know from the honourable member whether the payment realised from patients is for medical attendance as well as for the medicine supplied?

Dr. S. John: No. It is not for the medical attendance as it is. The cost of medicine is too high nowadays. If we go to a shop to buy a medicine we will be able to understand it. Medicines are not sold to patients but a nominal fee is received from people who are able to pay.

Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai: It is stated in the Administration Report that it is for the medical attendance as well.

Dr. S. John: Yes. The X-ray cost realised is for medical attendance. Before a medicine is prescribed a patient has to be examined and this is medical attendance. The fee charged is only for medicines but, medical attendance and medicine go together. There can be no dispensing of medicine without medical attendance.

Sale of medicines in the Government Hospital in the State.

258. ✱ **Mr. K. A. Raman Pillai:** Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the number of patients treated in the Government Hospitals of the State in 1119 on receipt of payment for medicines supplied;

(*b*) amount received by them by way of sale of medicines to the patients in 1119; and

(*c*) amount received by sale of medicine to patients in hospitals from the beginning of 1120 up to the end of Edavom 112?

Dr. S. John: (*a*) About 40,000.

(*b*) Medicines are not sold to patients; but a nominal fee is received from well-to-do patients. The amount so collected during 1119 is Rs. 12,300 approximately.

(*c*) S. Rs. 9,915-16-0.

Grant-in-aid Allopathic medical Institutions.

259. ✱ **Mr. K. G. Narayana Panicker:** Will the Government be pleased to lay on the table a list of Allopathic Medical Institutions, if any, receiving grant from Government, and the amount of grant given in 1119 and 1120?

Dr. S. John: The list is laid on the Secretary's table.

Alwaye Hospital.

260. ✱ **Mr. Paul A. Thaliath:** Will the Government be pleased to state whether in view of the rapid development of Alwaye as an industrial centre, it is not an urgent necessity before

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